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# Letter dated 21 April 2005 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council

On 13 January 2005, the Committee established pursuant to paragraph 6 of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) (the Counter-Terrorism Committee) submitted a work programme for the fourteenth 90-day period (S/2005/22). Annexed hereto is the Committee's work programme for the fifteenth period, which covers the months from April to June 2005 (see annex).

The activities of the Counter-Terrorism Committee will proceed in compliance with the provisions of Security Council resolution 1535 (2004) and 1566 (2004).

The Committee will continue to work with Member States on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), guided by the principles of cooperation, transparency and equal treatment. The Committee will remain focused on strengthening consensus within the international community on the importance of combating terrorism, taking practical measures designed to enhance the counter-terrorism capacity of States; helping to identify and address the problems faced by States in implementing Council resolution 1373 (2001); and contributing to the process of increasing the number of States that are parties to the relevant international conventions and protocols. All of these tasks will be fulfilled in accordance with the Committee's mandate, as set out in paragraph 6 of the resolution, to monitor its implementation.

During the period covered by the fifteenth work programme, the Committee will continue its efforts to complete the revitalization process, in particular to ensure that the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate becomes fully operational. As mandated in resolution 1566 (2004), the Committee will continue to develop a set of best practices to assist States in implementing the provisions of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) related to the financing of terrorism. Moreover, the Committee will consider, where appropriate, the initiation of best practices in other areas with relevance to resolution 1373 (2001). The Committee will continue to further its facilitation of technical assistance as well as strengthening cooperation with international, regional and subregional organizations. In accordance with Security Council resolution 1566 (2004), the Counter-Terrorism Committee will enhance cooperation with the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban,

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the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) and the working group established pursuant to resolution 1566 (2004).

The Counter-Terrorism Committee welcomes the support it has received from Member States, the United Nations Secretariat and international, regional and subregional organizations and appreciates the contribution by the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Ellen Margrethe **Løj**
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Security Council Committee established pursuant to
resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

## Annex

# Work programme of the Counter-Terrorism Committee (1 April-30 June 2005)

1. The present document sets out the work programme of the Counter-Terrorism Committee for its fifteenth 90-day period, from 1 April to 30 June 2005. This work programme updates that submitted for the fourteenth 90-day period (S/2005/22, annex).

**Summary**

2. The Counter-Terrorism Committee will:

(a) Continue close cooperation with the Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate in order to make the Directorate fully operational in the shortest possible time;

(b) Complete the review of at least 10 further reports and 50 needs assessments;

(c) Continue to develop a set of best practices to assist States in implementing the provisions of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) related to the financing of terrorism and consider, where appropriate, the development of best practices in other areas with relevance to resolution 1373 (2001);

(d) Continue to urge States which have missed the deadlines for submission of their respective reports to the Committee to submit these at the earliest opportunity;

(e) Continue to improve cooperation with international, regional and subregional organizations; and encourage them to seek to develop further ways to help members to implement resolution 1373 (2001);

(f) Continue visits to Member States, by conducting three more visits during the term of this work programme, in compliance with Security Council resolution 1535 (2004), in accordance with the procedures agreed by the Committee and with their consent;

(g) Review and consider further initiatives to strengthen the Committee's role as facilitator of technical assistance to Member States, including in the field of assessing needs, as well as in the Committee's dialogue with potential donors;

(h) Continue to ensure transparency in the work of the Counter-Terrorism Committee.

## I. Work of the Committee

3. The Committee had, by 31 March 2005, received 584 reports from States and others. They include first reports from 191 Member States and 6 from others, 164 second reports from Member States and 2 from others, 124 third reports and 1 from others, 88 fourth reports from Member States and 8 fifth reports.

4. In accordance with Security Council resolutions 1535 (2004) and 1566 (2004), the Counter-Terrorism Committee will continue its efforts to ensure that the

Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate becomes fully operational as soon as possible. It calls on all relevant entities of the United Nations to support this effort.

5. The Counter-Terrorism Committee and its subcommittees will continue to review the reports submitted by States pursuant to paragraph 6 of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001). During the term of this work programme, the Committee will review at least 10 additional reports.

6. The Committee, through its subcommittees and its Executive Directorate, will continue to offer guidance to States about how to implement the provisions of resolution 1373 (2001).

7. The Committee has noted with great concern that 75 States have missed the deadlines for submission of their respective reports. The Committee stresses the importance for States to remain in contact with the Committee about the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001). In this regard the Committee reminds Member States that reporting according to the timetable proposed by the Committee is one of the provisions of resolution 1373 (2001), and urges all States that have not submitted their reports on time to submit them as soon as possible. The Committee will continue to work with States to address this issue, taking into account the specific situation of States and considering ways the Committee can best ensure that reporting takes place in a timely manner. The Chairman of the Committee will continue to provide the Council with the list of States late in submission of their reports.

8. The Committee will continue to develop a direct dialogue with States about their implementation of resolution 1373 (2001). Among others, the Committee will continue its visits to Member States, in accordance with the general guidelines for conducting such visits, the procedures for the preparation, conduct and evaluation of the results of those visits as well as the Framework Document for Committee visits to States in order to enhance the monitoring of the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) and with their consent. The Committee will focus on ensuring that there is proper follow-up to these visits and that such visits are fully coordinated with relevant United Nations bodies and international, regional and subregional organizations.

9. While monitoring the implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), the Committee will bear in mind all the international best practices, codes and standards that are relevant to the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001). Pursuant to Security Council resolution 1566 (2004), the Committee will continue to develop a set of best practices to assist States in implementing the provisions of resolution 1373 (2001) related to the financing of terrorism, in consultation with the relevant international, regional and subregional organizations.

10. The Counter-Terrorism Committee welcomes all the work done in other relevant international, regional and subregional organizations to develop standards, codes and best practices in areas of relevance to resolution 1373 (2001). The Committee will consider in which other areas the Committee could usefully develop sets of best practices to assist States in implementing the provisions of resolution 1373 (2001).

11. The Committee will continue to enhance the cooperation with the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban,

the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) and the working group established pursuant to resolution 1566 (2004), including where appropriate with the respective groups of experts. The Committee will seek to ensure that there is full exchange of relevant information between and among the committees and groups of experts, including regarding country visits and other official travel.

## II. Facilitation of technical assistance

12. It remains a key objective for the Counter-Terrorism Committee to facilitate the provision of technical assistance aimed at strengthening the counter-terrorism capacity of States that strive to fulfil their obligations to implement the provisions of resolution 1373 (2001), but lack the capacity to do so. The Committee stresses that responsibility for the implementation of those obligations, including the preparation of reports to the Committee, rests with States. At the same time, the Committee recognizes the importance of facilitating the necessary technical assistance to States. The Committee will continue to discuss how it can best facilitate such assistance.

13. To ensure that the necessary assistance can be provided, the Committee will continue to work with States in order to identify their individual needs. To that effect, the Committee will continue to prepare assessments of countries' assistance needs. Upon agreement with the States, the Committee will facilitate contacts to potential donors and assistance providers. The Committee will finalize its consideration of 50 needs assessments during the term of this work programme.

14. Identification of possible needs for technical assistance remains one of the key objectives for Committee visits to Member States. The Committee will continue to enhance dialogue about assistance needs with States in order to ensure that assistance is better tailored to their real needs.

15. The G-8 Counter-Terrorism Action Group provides significant counter-terrorism assistance, which constitutes support for the Committee's work. The Committee will seek further reinforcement of this cooperation. Moreover, the Committee will consider whether it would be helpful to develop a closer relationship with the broader donor community to seek to ensure that the necessary assistance is available in all areas of resolution 1373 (2001).

16. The Committee has developed the Directory of Counter-Terrorism Information and Sources of Assistance, which can be consulted on its website, http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/committees/1373/ctc_da/index.html. The Directory is designed to be a source of information on counter-terrorism-related best practices, model laws and available assistance programmes. The Committee has also produced an Assistance Matrix to collect updated information on requests received from States and on assistance offered by potential providers, including international, regional and subregional organizations. The Committee will maintain and update both information resources.

## III. Cooperation between the Counter-Terrorism Committee and international, regional and subregional organizations

17. Pursuant to the action plan agreed at the special meeting of the Committee held on 6 March 2003, the Committee has been expanding its contacts and cooperation with international, regional and subregional organizations. The Committee will continue to do so, including through implementation of the declaration and the Follow-up Action Plan adopted at the fourth special meeting held in Almaty from 26 to 28 January 2005.

18. The Committee will continue to strengthen its interaction with international, regional and subregional organizations in order to facilitate timely implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) by their members, including by ensuring an equitable geographical balance in its contacts with those organizations.

19. The Committee stresses that the international, regional and subregional organizations have a specific role to play in providing guidance for their member States on the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001). Therefore, the Committee will continue to urge those organizations, where appropriate, to develop ways, as a matter of urgency, to assist their member States in this endeavour. Where appropriate, the Committee will also focus on encouraging organizations to establish a special unit devoted to counter-terrorism-related issues, including those concerning the implementing of resolution 1373 (2001).

## IV. Transparency in the work of the Committee

20. Transparency will continue to be a major objective of the work of the Counter-Terrorism Committee.

21. The Committee will continue to communicate information about its activities on a regular basis, including through briefings by the Chairman to interested delegations.

22. The Committee will continue to update its website (http://www.un.org/sc/ctc) as a source of detailed information on all issues related to Security Council resolution 1373 (2001).

23. The Committee will continue to maintain close relations with organizations and programmes of the United Nations and to inform organizations outside the United Nations about the Committee's work through attendance at regional meetings and conferences.

24. States are encouraged to make direct contacts with the subcommittees or the Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate to seek any necessary clarification on the issues covered in their correspondence with the Committee or on any other issue. (Telephone: 1 212 457 1853; fax: 1 212 457 4041; and/or email: charles@un.org.). In addition, the Executive Directorate may, when deemed appropriate, contact States to seek further clarification from them on issues arising from their reports.